President was held and a list of works to be carried out according to a particular order of urgency was prepared; and Government held out hopes that the works would be taken up every year in the order ofurgency given. But he regretted to have to say that it was not done.

The Member then presented a memorial, signed by the Members of the Assembly, praying for the extension of the Railway from Kottarakara to Alwaye.

Dewan's reply.—The proposal for the extension of the Railway line from Kottarakara to Alwaye is premature. The other suggestions of the Member are noted.

64. Grievances of the ryots of Nanjanad in the matter of irrigation.

Mr. K. Chidambarathanu Pillai (Member, Tovala Taluk) requested—

(1) the removal from the Pazhayar of the accumulation of silt caused by the overflow of water from the Alathurayar, Puthenar, Anandanar, &c.;

(2) attention being paid by Government to the present condition of the N. Puthenar which was causing loss both to the ryots and the Government;

(3) the sluices in the N. Puthenar being increased to their former number;

(4) the sluices being kept open longer than for $2\frac{1}{2}$ days as at present for the reason that the Revenue Department acted under the impression that the sluices were open for a longer period than $2\frac{1}{2}$ days and that sufficient water was not available under the present arrangement;

(5) the opening of more roads for the area commanded by the Tovala Channel;

(6) the widening of the *kal* known as *Thazhathunathi* north of Vellamadam, as, during the freshes, the water overflowed the banks and caused damage; and

(7) the opening of Panchayat Courts in each taluk and particularly one such Court in Tovala and in Agastiswaram.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

65. Need for removing the grievances of the ryots of Nanjanad, with special reference to the formation of an Irrigation Board.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) thanked the Government for ordering the opening of the Kodayar dam a week earlier than usual during the current year and requested that orders be issued for opening the dam on the 1st Vycausy and closing it on the 30th Thye every year. He suggested the appointment of a Committee for the proper supervision of the maintenance of the Kodayar works. He then advocated the creation, on a statutory basis, of an Irrigation Board consisting of the Director of Agriculture, the Irrigation Officer, the Land Revenue Officer and a few of the leading ryots. He urged the need for more roads for carrying on their agricultural operations. For instance, the road from Thamarakulam to Parakkai—about a mile and a half—was highly useful for the transport of manure to the paddy fields and should be improved. The necessity for the road had been admitted by the Dewan Peishkar and the Chief Engineer. The Member also pressed, for the consideration of Government, the following:—

(1) a standing order should be issued allowing remission of revenue in cases of *karivu*, *tharisu* and *azhukichetham*;

(2) a Committee should be appointed to select grazing grounds;

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